

\$200 for transportation, and \$200 for motor vehicle insurance. (Id. at 4-5). Plaintiff does not expect any major changes to her monthly income, expenses, assets, or liabilities during the next 12 months. (Id. at 5). Plaintiff expects to pay her attorney 25% of past-due benefits in conjunction with this lawsuit. (Id.). She further explains her inability to pay the costs of these proceedings as follows: “Plaintiff has attempted multiple jobs, which end after a few months due to her disabilities. Son’s SSI recently ended. Her mom gives \$200-300 per month to assist with household costs. Plaintiff has 3 cars registered in her name, but 2 are for her children’s use. Plaintiff’s monthly expenses exceed her monthly income. She plans to use her tax refund (deposited to savings account) to catch up on bills.”³ (Id.).

The Court is not satisfied that the Plaintiff lacks sufficient funds with which to pay the filing fee. The Plaintiff has more than \$4,000 in bank accounts and three motor vehicles. She has failed to adequately explain why her 15-year-old daughter and 17-year-old son need vehicles, to justify the cost of the vehicles and their related expenses. Nor does she explain why she no longer receives food stamps. Therefore, Plaintiff’s Application will be denied without prejudice for Plaintiff to either pay the filing fee or more fully explain his inability to pay the costs of these proceedings.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that:

- (1) Plaintiff’s Application to Proceed in District Court Without Prepaying Fees or Costs, (Doc. No. 2), is **DENIED** without prejudice to pay the filing fee or refile an Application within **20 days** of this Order.
- (2) If Plaintiff fails to timely comply with this Order, the Complaint will be dismissed without prejudice and this case will be closed without further notice.

³ The Plaintiff does not identify the bills she owes or the amounts that are outstanding.

Signed: May 16, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth D. Bell", written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth D. Bell
United States District Judge

